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REMARKS

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1. On 27 December 1952, soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery, tank, motor transport and signal insignia were observed at the Trost Kaserne, Vienna. Officers were observed dining in a room on the first floor of the building opposite the Trost Kaserne. Jeep and truck, driven by soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets, were parked in front of the building. Five groups of 4 EM each practiced emplacing of mortars of about 50-mm on the drill ground of the Trost Kaserne. Soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets did maintenance work on motor vehicles in the garage on Fernerstorfer Strasse.

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25X1C On 30 December, no motor vehicle traffic was observed at the Albrechts Kaserne or the Wilhelms Kaserne. The installations were guarded by sentries wearing red-bordered black epaulets with motor transport insignia. A newly constructed shed in the Wilhelms Kaserne housed tank trucks which were previously parked in the barracks yard of the installation. Maintenance work was done in the barracks yard on tank truck, repair shop, truck E, trailer and driving school truck.

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2. On 29 December, about 25 EM practiced with 4 x 37-mm AA guns in the cantonment on the road to Bisamberg, Korneuburg (O 49/S 30). A group of 24 EM with red-bordered black epaulets commanded by a senior lieutenant wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia arrived from the direction of the Albrechts Kaserne and subsequently trained with another 4 x 37-mm AA guns which were hauled from a low wooden building with four gates. The fuel dump at the cantonment was dismantled. Pumps, fuel containers and other equipment were transported to the cantonment on the road to Leobendorf by trucks, all driven by soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets. Three low wooden buildings used as troop barracks belonged to the cantonment. Officers observed at the installation included a lieutenant colonel with black-bordered red epaulets, a lieutenant colonel with red-bordered black epaulets, a captain, a senior lieutenant and a lieutenant, all wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. Ambulance

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██████████, driven by a soldier with red-bordered black epaulets, and trailer ██████████ were also seen at the cantonment. A major with black-bordered red-epaulets was observed at the Albrechts Kaserne. Vehicles seen at the same installation included truck ██████████ driving toward Stockerau (O 49/8 21), and truck ██████████ which went toward Vienna and returned to the Albrechts Kaserne about three hours later. The trucks were driven by soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets.²

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3. On 31 December, trucks ██████████ and jeep ██████████ driven by soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets, left the office on Hoven Gasse, Korneuburg. Three majors wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia, and trucks ██████████ and ██████████ driven by soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets, were observed at the Albrechts Kaserne. Weapon carrier ██████████ was parked in the yard of the supply depot on Bahnhof's Platz. About 50 M received instruction on arms or equipment in the cantonment on the road to Pilsberg. Four soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia came from the Albrechts Kaserne and entered the cantonment on the road to Leobendorf. Sedan ██████████ occupied by a major wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia left the installation which was guarded by a sentry with red-bordered black epaulets.²
4. On 31 December, 60 M practiced with 6 x 37-mm AA guns at the Irinz Eugen Kaserne in Stockerau. The installation was guarded by a sentry who wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. Two majors wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia, and truck ██████████ driven by a soldier with red-bordered black epaulets were observed at the Irinz Eugen Kaserne. Truck ██████████ with a driver wearing red-bordered black epaulets entered the Artillerie Kaserne.²
5. On 30 December, 3 jeeps, 2 sedans and 2 trucks, including jeep ██████████ and sedan ██████████, driven by soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets, were observed at the main entrance of the former Kreisgericht (district court) on Schiesstattring, St. Koelten (O 49/8 33), while at the side entrance on Andreas Hofer Strasse, mail bags and parcels were loaded on a van-like truck and hauled to the postal ramp at the railroad station. A group of 14 soldiers with black-bordered black epaulets was seen in the lumber yard of the Irinz Eugen Kaserne. A radio truck was parked near the long-wire antenna in the barracks yard of the Franz Josef Kaserne. The front gate of the installation was guarded by a sentry with red-bordered black epaulets. ██████████ driven by a soldier with black-bordered black epaulets, and trucks ██████████, all driven by soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets entering the installation. Officers observed at the officers' mess in the former Stadtsaele included: two colonels and three majors with black-bordered red epaulets, a colonel wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia, and six majors with red-bordered black epaulets. M seen at the installation wore black-bordered red epaulets.³
6. On 30 December, little activity was observed at Carr Spratzern south of St. Koelten. ██████████

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[REDACTED] passed through the north gate and middle gate of the installation. The trucks were driven by soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets. No imprints of track-laying vehicles were observed at the south gate which was previously used by tanks.³

7. On 29 December, about 40 unarmed EM were engaged in close-order drill at the former Landesheilanstalt in Neuer Oehling (O 49/W 26). A group of 36 EM armed with rifles entered the installation. They came from a westerly direction and wore red-bordered black epaulets, some with artillery insignia. Vehicles observed in the yard of the Landesheilanstalt included 4 SP guns, 6 weapon carriers and about 50 trucks. Jeep [REDACTED], radio truck [REDACTED] and trucks [REDACTED] were seen at the installation. The vehicles were driven by soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets.³

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8. On 29 December, three majors of the medical service, including a woman officer, a major with black-bordered black epaulets, four EM with red-bordered black epaulets, and two EM with black-bordered red epaulets were observed at the Soviet hospital in Amstetten (O 49/W 27). Some of the soldiers were bandaged.

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2. ^{25X1A} Comment. It is noteworthy that the fuel dump in the cantonment on the road to Bisamberg was dismantled and transferred to the cantonment on the road to Leobendorf. The training with 37-mm AA guns observed in the cantonment on the road to Bisamberg indicates that artillery pieces of the 1336th AAA Regt are still parked in this installation. Except for some unidentified vehicles, [REDACTED] and Stockerau belong to the 23rd AAA Div.

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